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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**EDGE DEVICE AND METHOD FOR INTERCONNECTING SS7 SIGNALING POINTS (SPs) USING EDGE DEVICE**

the specification of which (Title of the Invention)

☐ is attached hereto OR ☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) **April 3, 2000** as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number **09/541,853** and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

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Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
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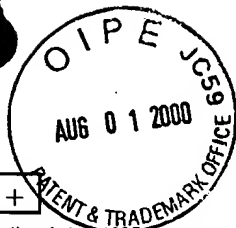
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